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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON OILSEED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Technology Mission on Oilseeds, Pulses and Maize is under operation;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the targets set under the Technology Mission have been achieved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A Technology Mission on Oilseeds was set up in 1986 in order to make the country self sufficient in the production of oilseeds/edible oils. Subsequently in 1990 Pulses and in 1995 Maize were brought under the Technology Mission to adopt Technology Mission`s approach to boost the production of these crops.

(c) & (d): The targets set for these crops by the terminal year of Ninth Five Year Plan i.e. 2001-2002 are as under:

In Million Tonnes

Crop	Target
Oilseeds	30.00
Pulses	16.50
Maize	11.44

1998-99 was the best year to achieve the highest ever record production of these crops. During that year, the production of oilseeds was 24.75 million tonnes, Pulses 14.91 million tonnes and Maize, it was 11.15 million tonnes. The weather conditions in the last 2 years i.e. 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were not favourable because of drought in some of the states due to which the production suffered some decline below the level of achievement during 1998-99. However, all out efforts are being made to achieve the targets set for the terminal year of 9th Plan through the implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP), National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP). Under these programmes, financial assistance by way of subsidies on various inputs are being provided to the growers of these crops in order to motivate them to take up the cultivation of these crops on a large scale.